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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has admitted that India's investment in Research & Development (R&D) remains far below the required level as reported in the Times of India dated November 12, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need for building an infrastructure facilities in colleges/ universities/Institutions to promote basic science research in academic and research institutions;

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) the step taken by the Government to increase the investment in R&D up to the required level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING(SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): The Eleventh Five Year Plan document referred to in the 'Times of India' dated 12th November, 2007 has not been finalized yet.

(b) to (e): do not arise